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**Harper commences tour of Arctic in Iqaluit**



## 600 jobs to be lost as plant closes

**LABOUR** A Calgary manufacturing plant is closing down and cutting 600 jobs as it moves to west Michigan.

The cuts will take place over the next two years as Haworth Inc. consolidates its operations in Michigan.

The company is expecting an approval of a 13-year, \$22.4-million Michigan tax incentive package.

Haworth Inc. is a design and manufacturing company of office furniture and organic workspaces.

It is a family-owned company with headquarters in Holland, Mich.

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Eau Claire Market **It's a beautiful day**



Gail Brackett and her son Dukane, 15 months, who are visiting from L.A., have a splash in the kidie pool by Eau Claire Market while enjoying the beautiful weather Calgary will be having over the next few days. Temperatures are expected to reach highs of 30 C this week.

## No fears of competition

Markets not fretting over loss of traffic to mega mall

AMY GREGSON  
for Metro Calgary

**The first mall to be built in 20 years across Western Canada opens today, but it doesn't have Calgary markets fearful of losing customers.**

Two of Calgary's largest malls, Southcentre and Chinook, see only a temporary decline in customers as mega mall Cross Iron Mills opens its doors.

Eve Renaud, assistant general manager at Chinook Centre, said the new mall adds to the retail climate in Calgary, and she expects Calgarians to check out the new mall at first but doesn't see a decline in shoppers in the future.

"I think long-term, Calgarians are going to shop

where their existing needs are," said Renaud.

Southcentre's Shawn Hanson doesn't anticipate a loss of traffic because their regular customers come from the south.

Both managers said each mall has its niche by offering stores not found elsewhere in the city, such as Pottery Barn in Chinook and the Crate and Barrel opening this fall in Southcentre.

Lynne Ricker, from the Haskayne School of Business at the University of Calgary, expects Cross Iron Mills to affect other malls in the short-term because it has "cache" and people will be doing back-to-school shopping.

Ricker said the mall's long-term outlook depends on the economy.

## Abuse charges against area dog owner dropped

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**COURT** Animal abuse charges against a Calgary-area dog owner will be dropped after a court ap-

pearance in Strathmore yesterday.

Tom Bilski's neighbour accused him of dragging his two dogs behind a quad earlier this year. Bilski said he was protecting the dogs from coyotes.

Bilski is set to have the charges officially dropped on Sept. 8, according to his wife, Monica.

"We received a letter saying the charges would be dropped (yesterday), but the crown prosecutor is on va-

cation and no one knew about it," she said.

Bilski said while she is relieved the charges have been dropped, she is frustrated with the time and money spent dealing with the issue.

"I'm appalled that a person can make a complaint and charges can be laid but the evidence isn't really looked at for five months," she said.

The dogs have now been returned to the couple.

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A woman with reddish-brown hair is sitting on a beige patterned ottoman in a modern living room. She is wearing a light-colored short-sleeved button-down shirt and a matching skirt, accessorized with a long chain necklace and a wide belt. The room features a red leather sofa, a wooden coffee table with a vase of white flowers, and a bookshelf in the background.

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## Young artists' work on display Saturday at outdoor fest

This Saturday you can enjoy the artwork of Calgary's up-and-coming artists in a unique outdoor youth art festival called URBANBuRN2. The event goes from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Quickdraw Animation Society, 351-11 Ave SW. **METRO CALGARY**

# Local



## December in Hawaii, anyone?

Air Canada has announced non-stop flights between Calgary and Hawaii, beginning Dec. 5, which will run to both Honolulu and Maui. The airline announced the flights in a press release and said one-way fares will start as low as \$269, and \$299 respectively, before taxes and other charges. **METRO CALGARY**



### Calgary in brief

#### RE-ENACTMENT Crime

Stoppers re-enacted yesterday the incident when three feral horses were shot and killed 60 kilometres west of Sundre. The shooting was reported to the RCMP on April 28. RCMP hope it helps provide more information to further their investigation. Previously, 19 other feral horses had been shot and killed in the Sundre area.

**GRAZING** The Alberta government is offering temporary grazing and haying opportunities for livestock producers subletting on public land. This is being done because producers are struggling to feed their animals because of dry conditions. In addition, programs are available to assist crop and livestock producers through the Agriculture Financial Services Corporation.

**SEIZURE** Edmonton police seized 160 pounds in opium poppies from an Edmonton business in the largest opium seizure in Alberta's history. Edmonton police were tipped off that a package containing opium poppy was coming to the business from Mississauga, Ont. Ravi Mohan Jolly and the business, Neelkamal Indian Grocery, have both been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking. **METRO CALGARY**

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## SAIT students to show off skills

Trade school has 7 on Team Canada set for worlds in Sept.



Members of the SAIT WorldSkills team for Team Canada gather for a short ceremony and demonstration of each of their skills at the Mayland Heights Campus.

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With 18 per cent of the entire WorldSkills Team Canada coming from SAIT, the Calgary trade school unveiled their young competitors yesterday set to take the world skills competition by storm in two weeks.

Seven of the Team Canada WorldSkills 2009 members come from SAIT, the most from any post-secondary school in the country, according to SAIT vice-president Guy Mallabone. "They have spent countless hours prepping and training and it shows the dedication and commitment these young ambassadors have for their professions," Mallabone said. "I encourage Albertans to come down and watch these young talents take on the world."

Leading up to the competition, the young team members have been train-

**"It's really exciting to be a part of something like this."**

Devon DeBoer, SAIT student

ing 40 hours a week or more in their trades, including Devon DeBoer, who completed his third-year auto body repair apprenticeship in December 2008.

"We're like a family because we have all been spending as much time as we can together and we're supporting one another and doing everything we can together," DeBoer said of his fellow teammates.

"It's really exciting to be a part of something like this."

The city is only two weeks away from the competition, which will see thousands descend upon the city for the world's pinnacle of global trades and skills competition from Sept. 1 to Sept. 7 at Stampede Park.

## Police raise funds for missing kids' group at rodeo

**EVENT** The Calgary police service is inviting "your families out to meet their family to help their families" this Saturday at the 27th annual Calgary police rodeo.

That's the slogan police rodeo spokesperson Ward Stene said they are living by as they try to raise more than the record-breaking \$8,000 they did last year to go towards the Missing Children's Society of Canada.

"It's a really important cause and I think they have a 96 per cent clearance rate and that number is really extraordinary," Stene said.

The all-day event includes a free pancake breakfast, the police rodeo events portion, a kids' play area, a beer garden and end with a barn dance, Stene added. Info is available at calgarypolicerodeo.com.

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What's online today.

**Video** Sale of former Flame Mike Vernon's old home sets Calgary real estate record at metronews.ca/local  
**Video** Stephen Harper touts the Arctic economy after an embarrassing PR stumble at metronews.ca/canada

**Blogs** The 100-Day Raw Food Challenge gets its protein fix with a raw peanut butter recipe

## Group puts call out for hockey referees

With a high turnover rate and more players joining hockey leagues every year, one of the city's largest referee organizations is looking to boost its ranks for the upcoming season.

Chairman of Central Zone Referee Committee Dan Morris said sometimes

the turnover rate can be as high as 30 to 40 per cent across the province.

"There can be a variety of reasons, maybe they move away, or start a family or can't juggle it with their work, or some people might realize it's not for them," Morris said.

Morris added though, those who do referee hockey enjoy being part of the game.

Recreational hockey referee Tammy Moeller says she enjoys playing hockey but refereeing gives her a chance to still be a part of something she loves when

she can't play.

"I just love skating and keeping on the ice when I can, so it's a lot of fun for me," she said.

Morris said those interested can check out the website for more information or sign up at [www.czrc.ab.ca](http://www.czrc.ab.ca). **KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY**

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RCMP closed off the northbound QE11 highway yesterday for several hours after a semi-truck rolled over around 5:30 a.m. near the Crossfield exit. Traffic was re-routed as crews tried to work with the truck, which was sprawled across both lanes of traffic. **METRO CALGARY**

# Bow River Flow festival set for Sunday

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## a "participatory event."

Gerald Wheately, organizer of the festival, said they want people to leave feeling they have participated in something unique.

"We want people to do more than just walk the site," said Wheately.

This will happen by having events and stations including tai chi, kids zone, fitness and bike zones.

The festival occurs after much controversy surrounding the idea to close down two lanes of Memorial Drive.

Wheately said those who

first opposed the closure are now coming around and even participating, including Kensington business and Ald. Ric McIver.

Wheately hopes the festival grows until the point where Memorial Drive is regularly used as a pedestrian mall.

"Memorial is getting a huge face lift and it's iconic in terms of the Bow River that flows through the middle of the city."

The festival runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on 10th Street to 3rd Street N.W.

For more information, visit [bowriverflow.ca](http://bowriverflow.ca)

## Events

- From 9 a.m. onward: Mandala painting.
- Noon: Street procession.
- 4:45 p.m.: Free screening of Slapshot at the Plaza Theatre.

Vendors and amplified music won't be found at the Bow River Flow festival, happening Sunday, as they are promoting themselves as

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## Sylvan Lake resident wins beer can contest

**KOKANEE** Sylvan Lake resident Jen Crane, along with Annika Sibert and Mike Weston will find their very own Kokanee can chilling in beer fridges across Western Canada next year after the three winners beat out hundreds of entries to win the Kokanee Crank the Can design contest.

The winning entries will be featured in a limited edition

Kokanee Crankworx can series in 2010.

"I am so excited to win. It's so cool to know that my can will be in the hands of beer drinkers all over Western Canada," says Crane.

Kokanee asked fans to submit designs that captured the fun and active summer lifestyle of Western Canada.

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## NDP hits at Tories over electricity

**POLITICS** Alberta's NDP Leader Brian Mason said the Stelmach government doesn't care about the rising price of electricity.

This comes after David Gray, former executive director of the Utility Consumer Advocate office, said prices will continue to skyrocket because of deregulation.

Mason is calling on the government to introduce legislation that would allow electricity consumers to cancel existing contracts after one year.

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Saudi diplomat Marwan Al Harbi, 30, who was facing charges after a head-on collision with an Ottawa police cruiser on June 2, left Canada after being recalled to Saudi Arabia, CBC News Online reports. Ottawa police said Monday they had issued a warrant for Al Harbi's arrest. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Canada



## Passport typo worries woman

When Miriam Steinberg opened the express mail envelope yesterday, it contained a surprise: her spanking-new passport, a day earlier than expected, and a typo, OTTAWA. Her place of birth had been misspelled with an extra T. Steinberg said, "I was told as long as my name hadn't been misspelled, I was fine and that (passport) was valid." Steinberg was shocked. She has been following the story of Suaad Hagi Mohamud, the Toronto mother who was marooned in Kenya after officials said her lips didn't match those in the passport photo. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Harper starts tour of Arctic

PM to assert Canadian sovereignty claims, set up agency in Far North

Prime Minister Stephen Harper launched a tour to assert Canada's Arctic sovereignty claims yesterday, saying the government was not ignoring the vast but sparsely populated region's economic and social ills.

Harper pledged that a recently announced economic development agency for the Far North would be headquartered in Iqaluit, the capital of the Nunavut territory, not in the far away federal capital of Ottawa.

"Obviously, our sovereignty is far greatly enhanced if we have thriving indigenous communities, healthy communities, throughout the territory," Harper told an audience in Iqaluit, an isolated com-



Canadian soldiers pass by a beached boat after landing on a beach in Apex, Nunavut on Baffin Island yesterday. The landing was part of military manoeuvres held there amidst Prime Minister Stephen Harper's tour of the North.

munity of about 7,250 on Baffin Island.

It was the first in a series of announcements Harper

is expected to make in a cross-country week-long tour to promote Canada's claims in the Arctic, some

of which have been challenged by other countries, including the United States. **REUTERS**

## PM sups on seal meat to promote industry

**POLITICS** Prime Minister Stephen Harper bit into a culinary controversy yesterday, dining on seal meat in symbolic defence of the country's embattled seal-hunting industry.

Harper dined on seal ribs and liver in Iqaluit, where hunting seals for survival and trade is a traditional part of the native way of life.

Animals rights activists, especially in Europe, are trying to shut down Canada's seal-hunting industry, and the European Union

voted this year to impose a trade ban on seal products.

Canada has vowed to fight the trade sanctions, saying that claims that seal hunters abuse the animals in the process of hunting them are false and that criticism of the industry is inflamed by emotion, not scientific facts.

Harper's lunch was not observed by reporters, and his staff did not immediately know what he thought of the taste of seal meat, which was both raw and boiled. **REUTERS**

### News in brief

**REPAIR** J.D. Power and Associates, a leading market research firm, said yesterday NAPA Autopro posted the top scores in its annual study of service sat-

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**Nobel winner and president Kim Dae-jung is dead**

Former South Korean President Kim Dae-jung, who won the 2000 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to forge a reconciliation with the communist North, died yesterday at the age of 85. **REUTERS**



# World



## Horrors! Hornets

France is facing an invasion of bee-eating Chinese hornets that could hasten the mysterious decline in the honey-bee population and threaten beekeepers' livelihoods. The hornets probably arrived on a ship from China, experts say. **REUTERS**

## Suicide blast kills hope as vote nears

**A suicide bomber rammed an explosive-laden car into a NATO convoy in the Afghan capital yesterday, killing at least eight people.**

It was a gruesome escalation in a wave of violence two days before an election the Taliban has vowed to disrupt.

Rockets also hit Kabul, several rural polling stations were attacked, a provincial council candidate was gunned down and three election workers were killed by a bomb in violence ahead of tomorrow's vote.

Incumbent Hamid Karzai is seeking re-election in the second presidential ballot since the Taliban were ousted in 2001.

Officials said more than 50 people were wounded

**"I helped some people to ambulances. Their clothes were covered in bloodstains."**

Kabul shopkeeper

in the car bombing, the second massive strike of its kind in four days.

Thick black smoke poured from the scene. Police held back onlookers as the wounded were ferried away in ambulances and pickup trucks.

"I saw wounded people and dead people everywhere," said a shopkeeper named Sawad.

"I helped some people to ambulances.

"Their clothes were covered in blood stains."

**REUTERS**



British soldiers survey the site of the Kabul bomb blast yesterday. Eight people were killed and 52 wounded by a suicide car bomber who rammed his car into a convoy of Western troops.

## Israel cooling rift over settlements?

**WEST BANK** U.S. President Barack Obama says he sees encouraging signs of a softening of Israel's resistance to his call for a freeze on settlement-building in the occupied West Bank.

Earlier yesterday, an Israeli government minister said no tenders had been issued for new housing projects in five months.

Israel has rebuffed Obama's push for a freeze, creating the most serious rift in U.S.-Israeli relations in a decade. **REUTERS**

## News in brief

**IRAN** Iranian opposition leader Mirhossein Mousavi accused "establishment agents" of raping and abusing detainees after Iran's June presidential vote and urged the powerful clerics to speak out. **REUTERS**



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## Comment

# Bow before our mighty Arctic army

### TheWestView

**Paul Sullivan**

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You probably don't lie awake at night worrying about Canada's claim to Arctic sovereignty, but the prime minister appears to be tossing and turning over the future of the True North Strong and Free.

One of the How About

That? consequences of global warming is that the polar ice cap is melting three times faster than previously thought, and that means sea routes such as the Northwest Passage could be ice free, at least part of the year, as early as 2015. This new access puts the top of the world back on the map. Former Arctic wastes now have commercial value as access to vast oil and mineral reserves, not to mention commercial shipping routes, improves. Taking the Northwest Passage from Japan to Northern Europe cuts 5,000 miles off the com-

mute.

Thanks to all this melting, we are subject to the spectacle — I don't know what else to call it — of the highest Canadian government officials trooping to remote Arctic outposts and ordering up raw seal for lunch. Prime Minister Harper, who is probably not even comfortable at a Calgary Stampede BBQ, is manfully choking down seal and shaking his fist at the European Union ban on seal products.

At the same time, he is doing his best to protect Canadian sovereignty by making announcements,

which is sure to cause our Arctic competitors (USA, Russia, Denmark and Norway) to quake in their furlined boots.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay officially launched our first northern military reserve Monday, vowing to bring it to full strength by 2019. Full strength, by the way, is 100 not-so-warm bodies. Once their knees stop stinging from all that hearty knee-slapping, our northern competitors will have to stifle further laughter as the PM is scheduled to board the HMCS Toronto today to observe Operation Nanook,

in which the Canadian navy pretends to look for Russian and U.S. ultra-sophisticated, stealthy nuclear subs that currently patrol our arctic waters with impunity.

And if none of the above doesn't force them to admit that Canada is Lord of the North, Mr. Harper also announced the new HQ for the Canadian Northern Economic Development or CanNor, will be in Iqaluit, with satellite offices in Yellowknife and Whitehorse — an announcement the competition Can-Ignore.

Do I have to point out the obvious? If we're really

serious about asserting sovereignty over the North, especially that sketchy passage through the Parry Channel, we'll have to do better than order seal sushi for lunch and issue a couple of press releases.

Even if they discover a nest of beavers at the North Pole, the best we can ever expect to do is maintain sovereignty as proxies for the Americans.

And that's the True North.

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## Word on the street: If Michael Vick was on your favourite sports team, would you cheer for him?

**Alan Courchesne**  
age 52, Ottawa

A: No, I definitely wouldn't — abusing animals is as bad as abusing humans in my opinion, and I don't think he should have a second chance.

**Brendan McCann**  
age 45,  
New York

A: Absolutely not. Not for what he did. He went way over the top.

**David Wiens**  
age 17, Calgary

A: Yes, because he is a good football player.

**Aaron Rehel**  
age 23, Ottawa

A: Yes, I would. I think that a lot of people have blown this situation out of proportion.

**Ali Mo**  
age 24, Calgary

A: I wouldn't be cheering for him, but he is a good football player.

**Lindsay Hicks**  
age 25,  
Halifax

A: No, I am an animal lover. To have dogs fight for sport is inhumane and cruel.

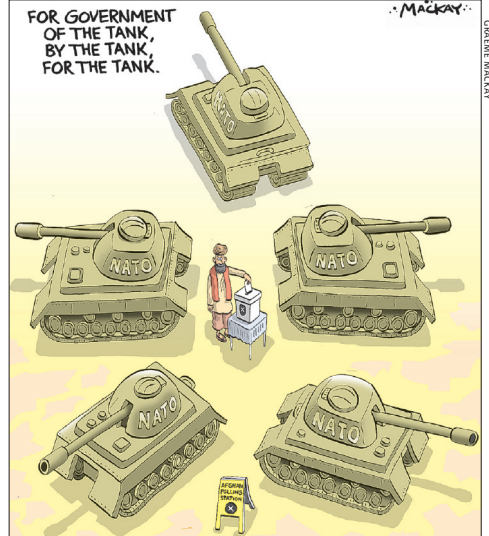


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**GM plans to increase production on strength of Cash for Clunkers**

General Motors Co. said yesterday it is increasing production for the second half of 2009 after a surge in sales ignited by the U.S. government's "Cash for Clunkers" incentives program. **REUTERS**

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# Business

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## French teen's iPhone explodes: Reports

**Apple Inc. is investigating media reports that one of more of the company's iPhones have exploded in Europe, a European Commission spokeswoman said yesterday.**

The spokeswoman for the EU executive, which oversees the safety of consumer products sold in the 27-country bloc, said Apple had described the reported incidents as isolated.

Apple said it was aware of the media reports, which include a case in which a teenager in France said he was slightly injured when his iPhone made a hissing noise and shattered, but did not comment on any contacts with

the commission.

"Apple have come back to us ... and what they've said to us is that they consider these are isolated incidents. They don't consider that there's a general problem," commission spokeswoman Helen Kearns told a news briefing.

"They're trying to get more information on the specific details of those incidents (reported in the media) and they will

do tests as necessary to investigate the possible cause," she said.

Apple did not comment on the Commission spokeswoman's remarks.

But a spokesman for Apple Europe Ltd. said: "We are aware of these (media) reports and we are waiting to receive the iPhones from the customers. Until we have the full details, we don't have anything further to add." **REUTERS**



## Bombardier cancels contract with Italian low-cost airline

**AVIATION** Bombardier Inc. said yesterday it has canceled its deal to supply Italian low-cost carrier MyAir.com with 15 CRJ1000 regional jets.

Bombardier said the decision was made because MyAir, which recently had its licence suspended by Italian aviation authorities as a result of financial difficulties, is facing "an uncertain situation." Four CRJ900 aircraft have been delivered to the airline, the Montreal company said.

Benoit Poirier, an analyst at Desjardins Securities, said Bombardier's share price had already discounted the troubled status of MyAir and the possibility of an order cancellation. **REUTERS**

### Layoffs

• The airline industry has suffered a sharp slowdown during the recession. Bombardier announced in April it would lay off 3,000 employees to adjust to falling demand for new aircraft.

We "do not expect Bombardier to react materially to the news, as the CRJ1000 is a relatively small program for the company," Poirier said in a note to clients.

Bombardier, the world's No. 3 civil aircraft manufacturer, said it still has 49 firm orders for the CRJ1000 NextGen jetliner. **REUTERS**

## Canadian, Gulf oil output to remain steady

**ENERGY** Growing volumes of crude oil from Canada and the Gulf of Mexico should assure U.S. Gulf Coast refiners adequate supplies for years to come despite fast-declining imports from Mexico and Venezuela. Imports from the two major Latin American suppliers have dwindled by 24 per cent in the past four years, but the huge refining region they serve is unlikely to run short due to billions of dollars planned for new pipelines from Canada and exploration in the Gulf, analysts said. **REUTERS**

### Business in brief

**TRADE** The World Trade Organization's top court rejected yesterday a U.S. appeal in a long-running case on anti-dumping measures, clearing the way for Japan to threaten trade sanctions against Washington. The ruling dealt another setback to a controversial U.S. method of tackling unfairly priced imports.

**AUTO** U.S. carmaker General Motors' board of directors is set to decide this week which suitor for the Opel business in Europe it will support. Rival bids from Canadian auto parts group Magna and Belgium-based financial investor RJH are on the table. **REUTERS**

## Australia, China reach LNG deal

**OIL** Australia and China struck their biggest trade deal yesterday, as the world's two most valuable listed oil companies, Exxon Mobil Corp. and PetroChina, reached a \$41 billion liquefied natural gas (LNG) agreement.

Exxon will supply LNG from the massive \$50 billion Gorgon LNG project on Australia's northwest coast, expected to process 15 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) at its peak.

Chevron Corp. is the operator of the project with a

50 per cent stake, while Exxon and Royal Dutch Shell Plc. each own a 25 per cent stake.

The agreement with PetroChina follows Exxon's \$10 billion (\$9.1 billion) deal with India's Petronet and means that buyers have now been found for Exxon's entire share in the Gorgon. It comes at a time of trade and political tension between China and Australia and as China looks to soak up raw materials and energy supplies to fuel growth. **REUTERS**

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Todd Bertuzzi is rejoining the Detroit Red Wings, signing a one-year deal with the team he played for at the end of the 2006-'07 season. Bertuzzi spent last year with the Calgary Flames, putting up 44 points (15-29) in 66 regular-season games. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Sports



## Traffic stopper

Lance Armstrong, left, brought Scottish traffic to a standstill yesterday after more than 200 cyclists answered his Twitter invitation for a casual bike ride. The seven-time Tour de France winner issued the invitation while in Glasgow to watch Irish rockers U2 play Hampden Park. Armstrong is expected to compete in the Tour of Ireland next week. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Venus gone after upset loss

**Third seed Venus Williams' return to Canada ended in a shock 1-6, 7-5, 6-4 second-round defeat by Ukrainian qualifier Kateryna Bondarenko at the Rogers Cup in Toronto yesterday.**

In a career that has produced 41 singles titles, the Canadian event, which alternates between Toronto and Montreal, has been a graveyard for the seven-times grand slam champion, who has failed to win a match in three trips.

"I guess at this tournament I've never had a lot of luck but I guess you have to make your own luck these days," Williams told reporters.

"She just really started playing well and unfortunately I made too many

## Last Canadian

- Aleksandra Wozniak of Blainville, Que., dropped a 6-4, 6-4 decision to Russia's Alisa Kleybanova yesterday.
- Wozniak was the last Canadian in the singles tournament.

errors."

Williams had looked ready to end her Canadian drought, racing through the first set in 28 minutes.

However, the 64th-ranked Bondarenko refused to fold, trading breaks with the 29-year-old American in the second before finally taking control with another break at 6-5 and then holding serve to level the match.

REUTERS



Venus Williams reacts to missing a point against Kateryna Bondarenko during their second round match at the Rogers Cup tennis tournament in Toronto yesterday. Williams lost 1-6, 7-5, 6-4.

## Hewitt wins in Cincinnati

**TENNIS** Former world No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt saved two match points before beating 12th seed Robin Soderling of Sweden 3-6, 7-6, 6-4 yesterday to reach the second round of the Cincinnati Masters.

The Australian — who has climbed back up the rankings to No. 42 having slipped outside the top 100 earlier this year — stared defeat in the face in the second-set tiebreaker but battled back to set up a clash with German Benjamin Becker.

"It was always going to be a tough match," Hewitt said in a court-side interview.

"He had a great run at the French Open and also at Wimbledon; it took Roger Federer to beat him in both." **REUTERS**



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#### Bucs safety suspended

Tampa Bay Buccaneers safety Tanard Jackson will miss the first four games of the 2009 regular season after violating the NFL substances of abuse policy. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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## 'Tired' Bolt wins heat in 200 metres

**TRACK** Triple Olympic champion Usain Bolt looked tired and eased off 30 metres from the finish line as he won his 200 metres second-round heat yesterday to reach the semifinals.

The Jamaican, who had appeared even more sluggish in the morning's first round, clocked 20.41 seconds.

Without his biggest rival, defending champion Tyson Gay (groin injury), Bolt looks set to complete a sprint double after winning the 100 on Sunday in a world record 9.58.

"I'm feeling alright, a little bit tired, but nothing a good night's rest won't cure," the 22-year-old told reporters.

"I'm just trying to get through the rounds, that's my aim, to get through round by round just like last year (at the Olympics), then go to the final and execute."

Fellow Jamaican Steve Mullings, who was banned for two years before returning to racing in 2006, ran the fastest time of the heats (20.23).

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# Growing the game

Hockey summit looks at how to get kids on ice

**Amidst warning signs that hockey may be losing its grip on Canadian youth, both in numbers and interest, a Toronto hockey summit took a hard look at how to get more kids into the game, particularly those in the 4- to 8-year-old range.**

While still vague on how some of their ideas might be implemented, yesterday's gathering — organized by the non-profit group OneGoal — focused on how to break down some of the factors and costs, both real and perceived, that act as barriers to keep children from taking up the game.

And Glenn Healy, from the NHLPA, said yesterday was undoubtedly just a precursor to another future think tank with further involvement from the NHL, its players' association and Hockey Canada, all of which took part in yesterday's daylong workshop along with equipment manufacturers, retailers and others with a stake in the game.

"If you stand in your tracks, you're getting hit

### Possible solutions

Here are some of the ideas put forward that might remove barriers and grow the game:

- Focus on new Canadians. Educate them on the game, perhaps in their native language. Make sure they understand that their children can participate in hockey.
- Utilize the school system to further incorporate hockey into the physical education curriculum. That would allow players to take advantage of ice time during the day, which is typically cheaper.
- Make starter equipment sets available free to kids so they can try hockey in learn-to-play programs, something OneGoal does, to see if they like the sport.
- Make sure newcomers to the game understand there is reasonably priced equipment available and children don't have to wear top-of-the-line gear to participate.

by the train," said Healy. "We need to grow."

Glen McCurdie, a senior director with Hockey Canada, said it was enlightening to get feedback from a broad cross-section

- Perhaps, as suggested by Glenn Healy, ban composite sticks up to a certain age — say 11 — and use wooden sticks to help keep costs down.
- To help keep costs in line, change the mindset so competitive teams don't feel that their players have to be on the ice five or six days a week. Substitute some off-ice and gym work for on-ice sessions.
- Trim cost of rep hockey by cutting back on number of tournaments in which teams play.
- Stop annual outlay of cash that comes when kids are required to buy items like new helmets, gloves and pants so that they match with the rest of their team.
- Stop paying coaches to coach minor hockey.
- Don't forget women's hockey, which is a part of the game that is growing but needs to be further encouraged.

of the hockey community. "This gives us the confidence to move forward with some of the initiatives we've already had under consideration," he said. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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**Arsenal gets lucky against Celtic**

A fluke by William Gallas and an own goal by Gary Caldwell gave Arsenal a healthy 2-0 victory at Celtic and one foot in the lucrative Champions League group stage yesterday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Favre joins Vikings

**Brett Favre is coming back again, and this time it's with the Minnesota Vikings.**

After weeks of speculation, Favre ended his second retirement yesterday. He boarded a plane from Hattiesburg, Miss., and landed in St. Paul, Minn., then was quickly transported to the Vikings training facility, underwent a physical and signed an undisclosed contract.

"I am excited about the opportunity to join this football team," Favre said in a release by the team. "From ownership, to coaching, to the players, it is evident that everyone in the Vikings organization is committed to bringing the fans of Minnesota a championship. I am eager to join my new teammates and get to work towards that goal."

It was in late July that Favre told Vikings head coach Brad

**"Adding a player such as Brett Favre to our mix will be a strong positive for this football team."**

Brad Childress, Vikings head coach

Childress that he was not ready to make another comeback, but speculation had been that Favre was delaying his decision to avoid the rigours of training camp, which ended for the Vikings last week before the team's first preseason game against Indianapolis.

The Vikings were having an open competition for the starting quarterback job between journeyman Sage Rosenfels, who was acquired from Houston in February, and Tarvaris Jackson, a 2006 second-round pick of the Vikings who has had ample opportunity to claim the starter's role.

That has now turned into a competition to determine Favre's backup.

"We believe adding a player such as Brett Favre to our mix will be a strong positive for this football team," said Childress.

Favre, who turns 40 in October, spent the 2008 season with the New York Jets, then announced his retirement for a second time in as many years. He first retired as a Green Bay Packer following the 2007 campaign.

After a disappointing end to the 2008 season with the Jets, Favre underwent arthroscopic surgery to repair a torn biceps tendon affecting his throwing shoulder — an indication he was set to make another comeback. He apparently played with that injury in the final five games of last season, when the Jets won just once and went from 8-3 to missing the playoffs at 9-7.

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Chelsea's Michael Ballack, back left, celebrates after his goal against Sunderland yesterday in English Premier League action. Chelsea beat the home team 3-1.

## Chelsea off to a cracking start

**SOCCER** Carlo Ancelotti's Chelsea came from behind to win 3-1 at Sunderland yesterday and make it two wins from two games in the English Premier League.

Second-half goals from Michael Ballack, Frank Lampard and Deco cancelled out Darren Bent's 18th-minute strike for Sunderland in a match dominated by the visitors.

"We played very well from the first minute to the last minute," coach Ancelotti told Sky Sports. "It was not easy in the first half because Sunderland scored, but we maintained control of the game and had a good mental attitude."

"It was a fantastic

match for us. I am happy because I am seeing the team improve very quickly," added the Italian, who took charge in the close-season. Chelsea, who also fought back to win 2-1 against Hull City on Saturday, began another rally with a Ballack equalizer seven minutes after the break following a Lampard corner.

The Londoners scored again after 61 minutes when George McCartney's foul on Didier Drogba allowed Lampard to convert a penalty and equal Jimmy Greaves's record as the club's fifth all-time scorer with 132 goals.

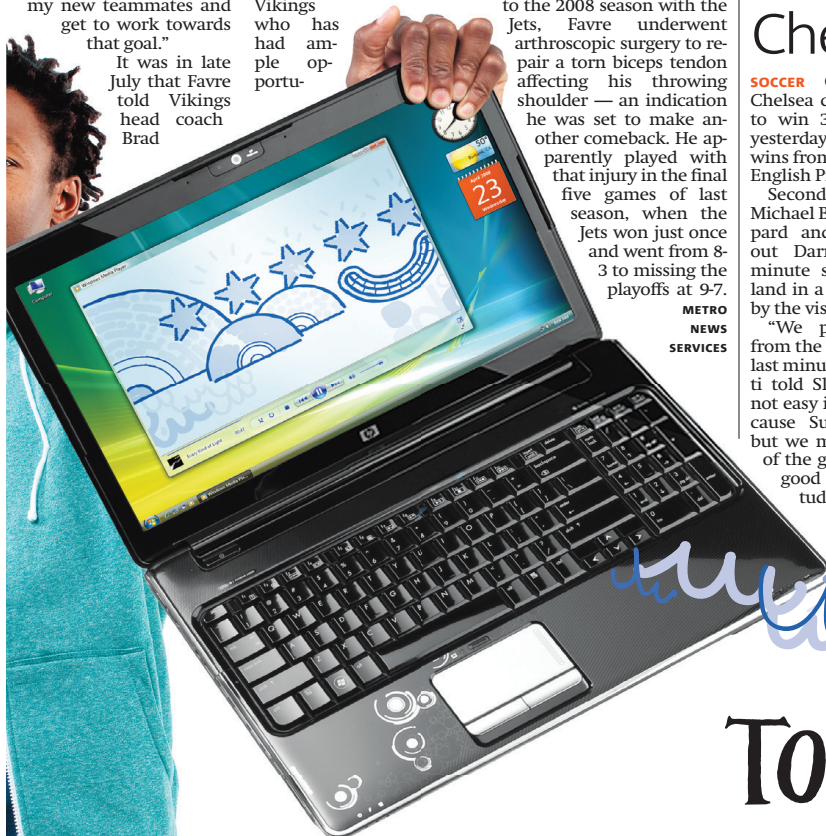
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Portugal midfielder Deco with 20 minutes remaining sealed the victory.

Elsewhere, promoted Wolverhampton Wanderers held on at Wigan Athletic for their first victory of the season, winning 1-0 courtesy of a sixth-minute header from Andy Keogh.

Wigan, a team that recorded a 2-0 triumph at Aston Villa on the opening day, was pressed hard after the break with on-loan Chelsea winger Scott Sinclair wasting the best chance with a header.

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## Pudge headed back to Texas

Ivan Rodriguez is returning to Texas after the Rangers traded for him yesterday. Pudge began his career with the team in 1991. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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## Rogers Cup may be realigned

**TORONTO** Tennis Canada is considering a radical change to the Rogers Cup, one that would see men and women play in Toronto at the same time.

But not all of the men and women.

The WTA Tour and ATP Tour are forcing Tennis Canada to play its men's and women's tournaments during the same week in two years' time, and the sport's national governing body wants to find a way to maintain its financial successes in both Montreal and Toronto.

So, it's considering a "half-and-half" idea: having half the men and half the women play in Toronto, while the other half play in Montreal. Each city would get a final on the Sunday.

"We wondered if we could have two mini-combined events," said Michael Downey, president and chief executive officer of Tennis Canada, adding the idea is still in its infancy. "It would be fundamental change for the players and the tours. It's never been done before."

As things are, tennis plays in brackets. The No. 1 seed leads one bracket, and the No. 2 seed leads the other. The two brackets don't meet until the final.

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Toronto catcher Rod Barajas tries to make the play at home as David Ortiz of Boston Red Sox makes his own call last night at the Rogers Center. Ortiz was safe on the play.

## Jays rally back, lose anyway

**David Ortiz homered, drove in three runs and scored three times as Boston escaped with a 10-9 victory over Toronto in the opener of a three-game set from Rogers Centre.**

Jacoby Ellsbury added two hits and knocked in three for the Red Sox, who had dropped three of four coming in. Jason Bay also

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homered, while Victor Martinez and Alex Gonzalez each added an RBI.

Hideki Okajima (4-0) picked up the win after hurling a scoreless seventh inning. Jonathan Papelbon recorded a four-out save, his 29th of the season, allowing two hits and walking three.

Starter Josh Beckett was knocked around for nine hits and seven runs — including three homers —

with four strikeouts and a walk over 5½ innings.

Rod Barajas finished 2-for-5 with a two-run home run for the Blue Jays, losers in three straight and five of six. Adam Lind and Marco Scutaro each knocked in two runs while Travis Snider and Randy Ruiz had solo shots in a losing cause.

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## Copeland headlines CFL's weekly honourees

**CFL** Calgary Stampeders wide receiver Jermaine Copeland, Saskatchewan Roughriders defensive end John Chick, Toronto Argonauts kicker Justin Medlock and BC Lions slot back Paris Jackson were named the CFL's top players for the seventh week of the season yesterday.

Copeland, the Offensive Player of the Week, hauled in a career-high 11 balls for 182 yards and two touchdowns, including a go-ahead 20-yard score with 38 seconds left for Calgary, which wound up losing 38-35 to Edmonton.

Chick logged two sacks and forced a fumble for the Roughriders, leading the club to a 33-23 victory over Hamilton en route to picking up the Defensive Player of the Week honor.

Toronto's Medlock was a unanimous selection as Special Teams Player of the Week, nailing all seven of his field goal attempts, including a 52-yarder and two from 51 yards out in a 36-28 loss to the Lions. Jackson had a part in BC's win, recording six receptions for 122 yards and two touchdowns to pick up his second Canadian Player of the Week award this season.

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## Sports in brief

**TRACK** A recent study by researchers at Tilburg University in the Netherlands predicts that someone will eventually be able break the tape in the 100-metre sprint with a time of 9.51 seconds. But British bookmakers are betting that Usain Bolt will better that mark. As of yesterday,

Ladbrokes is giving 3-1 odds that the 22-year-old will run under 9.5 seconds by the end of September.

**TENNIS** Lleyton Hewitt rallied for a 2-6, 7-6 (8), 6-4 win over No. 12 Robin Soderling yesterday at the Cincinnati Open. No. 11 Fernando Verdasco also lost, and No. 10 Fernando Gonzalez quit in the first set of his match be-

cause of a sore knee.

**OLYMPICS** IOC president Jacques Rogge plans to resign as an active member of the Olympic committee after his final presidential term ends in

2013, preferring to serve as an

"honorary president."

**BASEBALL** A day after signing No. 1 draft pick Stephen Strasburg to a record contract, acting Washington Nationals GM Mike Rizzo says it's "very un-

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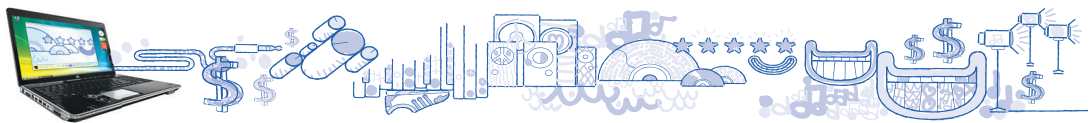
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An opinion piece in the Chronicle of Higher Education argues that tenure-track positions at U.S. colleges face extinction in a war of attrition. Deans faced with shrinking budgets will likely be replacing tenured faculty members with adjuncts — particularly in humanities and social science departments. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

**No more tenure?**

# Workology

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## Home-schooling trend in U.S.?

Although Academics Group's UCAS applicant study continues to find very few PSE-bound students have been home-schooled in Canada, in the U.S. it is estimated that somewhere between three and six per cent of the school-aged population are being home-schooled. The primary driver is religion for 83 per cent of home-schooling Americans, who feel their local public schools are "unwholesome" in some way. **ACADEMICS GROUP**

# Women knocked from top: Study

Top-level employees still hireable, mobile, but more women losing their job than men

**MAT LECOMPTE**  
for Metro Canada



You know how bad the economy is these days, so you don't want to read about it again. However, depending on your education and employment potential, these horror stories may merely be myths.

A recent report released by Catalyst, an international organization focused on working with businesses to create inclusive workplaces, indicates that over 50 per cent of "high potential" employees were actually able to

**"Decisions need to be made to fix the barriers women face. Networks need to be put in place for women to acquire role models and mentors so they can advance within their organizations."**

Catalyst Vice-President Deborah Gillis

advance their careers in this recessionary period. The data found that these people remained employable, mobile and in high demand from various employers around the world.

"The report showed us that there are a number of myths surrounding the current economic crisis," said Deborah Gillis, North American vice-president of Catalyst. "Top-level employees, for the most part, are still hireable and mobile."

The numbers were reached by analyzing information collected from over 800 MBA alumni from 26 leading business schools spanning

across continents — including Asia, Europe and North America. The responding alumni graduated between 1996 and 2007.

In fact, the research shows that only 10 per cent of respondents reported losing their jobs due to downsizing or closure.

Of that 10 per cent, however, women executives were three-times more likely to lose their jobs than their male counterparts. While six per



Because men for so long outnumbered women in higher-up positions, the networks they were able to create have helped them weather the recession storm and caused them to be kept on at a higher rate than their female counterparts.

cent of male senior employees lost their jobs be-

cause of downsizing, a substantial 19 per cent of high-ranking women employees suffered the same fate.

Gillis explains that because of a lack of mentors, role models, connections and networks, women are more likely than men to be laid off. This is because men, who have traditionally outnumbered women in senior positions, have established networks to keep them on board.

"Decisions need to be made to fix the barriers women face," she said. "Networks need to be put in place for women to acquire role models and mentors so they can advance within their organizations."

Based on this, it appears that as more women acquire senior positions, these networks will be created and strengthened.

The data in the report is focused on the time period between November 2007 and June 2009.

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**Porsche 911 Turbo coming**

Porsche AG will present its new top-of-the-line 911 at the Frankfurt Auto Show in September. The Porsche 911 Turbo goes on sale in Canada in January 2010. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Metro Drive

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## Seatbelt's 50th

The three-point seatbelt turned 50 last weekend. On Aug. 13, 1959, the Volvo PV544 became the first car with the safety feature, which has been called one of the most significant inventions of the 20th century. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# The sounds of silence

2010 Chevrolet Equinox a quiet revolution for SUVs



JIL MCINTOSH  
for Metro Canada



The Ingersoll, Ont.-built 2010 Chevy Equinox is available in both four cylinder and V6 engines.

When a company debuts a new model, it sometimes brings along competitors' models for journalists to drive back-to-back. No one brings one that outshines the new model, so when GM introduced the all-new 2010 Chevrolet Equinox and rolled out a Toyota RAV4 and Honda CR-V for comparison, everyone took notice.

The verdict: This new Equinox gives GM the ability to stand solidly head-to-head in the crowded compact SUV market against its domestic and imported opponents.

Also trimmed and badged as the GMC Terrain, the Equinox is built in Ingersoll, Ont.

The previous Equinox came only with a choice of two V6 engines, but for 2010, there are two new powerplants: a 2.4-litre four-cylinder or 3.0-litre V6, both with direct injection and mated to six-speed automatic transmissions.

Both can be ordered in front-wheel-drive or with an all-wheel system that primarily runs the front wheels, but sends power to the rear if necessary. At a combined rating of 7.8 l/100 km, GM says the four-cylinder is class-leading for fuel economy.

The four-cylinder starts at \$25,995 and runs to \$33,460. The V6 is an extra \$1,725 and only comes with 18-inch wheels priced at \$325, so it's an extra \$2,050 on each model.

Those who need the V6's stronger towing capacity (1,500 lbs for the four; 3,500 lbs for the six) will probably step up, but for almost all other driving conditions, the 182-horsepower four-cylinder works well enough that the bigger engine's 264 horses are overkill.

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GM has also wisely made the four-cylinder available in all trim lines, so you don't need to order the V6 if you want the top-line LTZ's toys.

Most impressive is how quiet it is.

It's been sound-deadened and sealed to within an inch of its life, but since smaller engines are inherently louder, the four-cylinder model adds an extra trick: Two cabin-mounted sensors that monitor interior sound and then, when necessary, send a wave from the subwoofer to off-set any noise.

**2010 Chevy Equinox**

**Type:** Sports utility vehicle

**Price:** from \$25,995

**Engine:** 2.4-litre four-cylinder and 3.0-litre V6

**HP:** 184 (four-cylinder); 264 (V6)

**Highlights**

- Handles like sedan
- Improved interior
- Extremely quiet

It's similar to the way noise-cancelling headphones work, and it allows the engineers to run the en-

gine at a lower rpm for improved fuel economy.

I got into a Buick Enclave test vehicle a few days later that didn't seem any more silent than the Equinox.

Handling is responsive and nicely weighted, and it feels more like driving a car than an SUV, with no torque steer, minimal body sway.

The interior is also much improved over the old Equinox: There's a lot of hard plastic, but it's well-fitted and handsomely designed, and I don't remember any Chevrolet with seats this comfortable.



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## Battle to go eco-friendly

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Car manufacturers are all in the race to go eco these days, and now even the world's armies are getting in on the act.

Making military transport greener is a no-brainer — as a nation's economies suffer, their equipment needs to be more efficient and cheaper to run, despite the need for increasingly heavy armour to protect soldiers from new threats.

Recently, TARDEC showed off a collection of eco-friendly military vehicles to California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, including a diesel-electric hybrid that gives the car up to six miles of silent mobility.

The U.S. Army isn't the only one to go eco, though, other forward-thinking armed forces are thinking ahead, teaming up with civilian companies to develop more ecologically — and economically — sound ways of transporting their troops. The British Army is funding projects that fit with its future visions, including reducing operational dependency on fossil fuels.

Out are the diesel-guzzling tank and jet fighter, in are vehicles with a hybrid drivetrain, and even solar-powered ones.

**Green scene**

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## An electric future

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

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A charging bay at London's Berkeley Square. There are plenty of infrastructure hurdles to jump through before more drivers can adopt electric vehicles, columnist Michael Goetz says.

If I ask, "What infrastructure might we need, to make it possible for a bunch of us to replace our gasoline-powered vehicles with pure electric vehicles?"

And you answer, "A bunch of really, really, long extension cords."

Well, that would make me think you're not taking this infrastructure thing seriously enough my friend.

OK, maybe you got more pressing concerns to worry about — like how to program your PVR so you don't miss any more episodes of *Cubical Makeover*.

Thankfully, there are a bunch of concerned citizens, consultants, governments, and eager business enterprises who have all been busy of late, envisioning that electric-car future. Let's take a quick look at what they're picturing, and worrying about ...

- Charge stations with high-voltage power (400-600 volts), so "fill ups" can be done in minutes.
- Charge stations that will also allow payments by credit cards, and figure out how much to charge, based on the real time cost of electricity.
- The first wave of charge

stations will be in city cores, and near bus, train, and subway stations. Charge stations on the prairies? Maybe later.

- Another or supplemental option is places where drained battery packs can be quickly exchanged for fully-charged packs. But for that to work we will need standardized battery packs.
- More electricity will be needed and it will have to be clean (wind, solar, wave, etc). Putting coal-generated electricity into vehicles will not make the carbon footprint go down a size.

You can see we've got a way to go yet. That's why some feel hybrids, will be very popular and necessary until we transition to an electrical future. They don't

need that expensive infrastructure we talked about.

But surprisingly, governments here and around the world seem willing to invest in electrical infrastructure. California and Israel are well on their way, and there are big projects planned for Arizona and Oregon.

I think this is because they see it as more of the purvey, like garbage collection and the water supply. To them, hydrogen is just another fuel; so let the fuel companies worry about that.

Ontario recently initiated some incentives so that one out of every 20 vehicles driven in the province might be electrically-powered by 2020.

These incentives include customer rebates of up to \$10,000 and the installation of charge spots at Ontario government and Toronto's Go Transit locations.

As usual, the automakers are not totally on board. They're leery about putting all their expensive R&D eggs in one basket, lest some other technology comes along and blows them out of the water.

For instance, someone might finally figure out how to capture all that methane produced by cattle flatulence. If that happens and all you're building is electrical motors, well, that would be a bummer.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for more than 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

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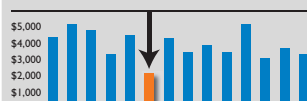
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## California screaming with Ferrari

PETER BLEAKNEY  
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**REVIEW** Ferrari aficionados were a trifle worried about the 2009 California. Developed with the intent of expanding Ferrari's market beyond the highly-focused V8 mid-engined F430 and the classic V12 front-engined 612 Scaglietti and 599 GTB, would this "user-friendly" 2+2 featuring the marque's first front-mounted V8, first twin-clutch transmission and first folding hardtop be less of a Prancing Horse and more of a Mincing Pony? A trophy car for trophy wives? Would it be a real Ferrari?

Allow me to answer those questions. No. Most likely. Hell, yeah.

Prodding the California's throttle delivers eye-widening forward thrust accompanied by a wail from the flat-plane-crank 4.3L V8 that



The Ferrari California features the automaker's first front-mounted V8 and first twin-clutch transmission.

could wake the dead — and have them cheering. Added to this is a symphony of snaps, crackles and pops while flicking through the gears of the fast-shifting seven-speed box. Nothing sounds like a Ferrari, and with the hardtop accented after its 14-second ballet, you'll feel you're getting every penny's worth of that \$262,000 investment.

The all-aluminum California is a striking car, and here in been-there-done-that So-Cal, the red specimen I drove with optional

20-inch wheels was mobbed at every stop.

The back end is a tad, er... voluptuous, but its girth is pretty well disguised by the sweeping fenders carved in to the rear flanks.

Swathed in finely stitched leather, the interior is unmistakably Ferrari, especially if you go for the classic tan hide.

It's not all sunshine in the California, however. The standard carbon-ceramic Brembo brakes squeal and the transmission gets jerky in stop-and-go traffic.



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# Travel



## Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre

When Waterford Wedgwood PLC filed for bankruptcy protection at the start of this year, among the casualties was one of Ireland's top tourist attractions, namely watching the glassblowers at the Waterford factory. But while there are no factory tours this season, visitors can find a revamped experience at the Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre — including a demonstration of cutting and engraving. For full details visit [waterfordvisitorcentre.com](http://waterfordvisitorcentre.com). **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Soaking up Cairo's chaotic energy

## Egyptian capital has lots to offer once you've seen the big attractions

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Without question, a first-time visit to Cairo is all about taking in phenomenal sights from the Sphinx and the pyramids at Giza to the ancient Citadel and the National Museum, which is cluttered with a breathtaking collection of sarcophagi and statues of Ancient Egyptian gods.

But when you've checked these historical items off your to-do list, it's time for entertainment and relaxation; for a drink and a bite to eat.

Cairo is a huge city and the traffic is absolutely crazy, what with with four million cars on the road. Taking a taxi is the easiest way to get from one part of the Egyptian capital to the next. Even if you're an expert at haggling, you will be paying more for a cab than the Egyptians do, but it's still a lot cheaper than it is in most European cities.

Once you've accepted this fact you can sit back and enjoy the roller coaster ride that is a cab trip through the cradle of civilization, as the Cairenes like to call their city.

Start off in downtown Cairo to get a feel for the energy in this city, which truly never sleeps. See the shops, bargain for souvenirs and go have a drink in El Horreya Pub on Bab el Louk Square. For a quick snack you can get an inexpensive falafel sandwich.

After checking out the



Left, a vendor in a Cairo market. Right, patrons sit outside at one of the Egyptian capital's many bustling cafés.



downtown area you might feel like heading somewhere with a more relaxed atmosphere. Take a cab to the green urban "island" of Zamalek, surrounded by the mighty river Nile. Here you'll find bars, restaurants, bookstores and loads of Egyptian students strolling along the boulevard along the Nile, chilling out with a cup of mint tea in one of the many coffee shops or starting a big night out. It's the perfect place to end a day in the great city of Cairo.

**Where to stay:** Odeon Palace Hotel in downtown Cairo, Abdel Hamid Said 6. This three-star hotel has an authentic Egyptian look and feel, lots

of woodwork and a rooftop bar and restaurant open around the clock with stunning views over Cairo. Close to the National Museum, near a shopping centre. From about \$17 per night for a single room and \$19 per person for a double room.

### Where to eat:

Restaurant Abou el Sid, 26th of July street 157, Zamalek. This beautifully-decorated restaurant offers delicious Egyptian cuisine with Turkish and Lebanese influences, served up by friendly waiters. A variety of dishes on your table costs about \$10. You may have to wait 20 minutes to get a table, but it's worth it.

### Where to drink:

For a cheap beer and great atmosphere, visit El Horreya Pub in downtown Cairo, on Bab el Louk Square. You can get half a litre of Stella for about \$1 and drink it in the company of Egyptians and foreigners of all walks of life, and lots of creative types. El Horreya is also known as Freedom Café.

### Where to see live music:

With live music almost every night, the Cairo Jazz Club in Zamalek is a nicely crowded, energetic place with good prices for food and drinks. The crowd consists of older students and young professionals.



An object on display at Cairo's National Museum.

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# At last, Cubans sample tourism luxury

**Floating, cocktail drink in hand, in the pool of a five-star hotel in Cuba, Alexis basks in a holiday experience that for years was out of reach for him in his own homeland.**

The pastel-colored hotel buildings, the well-ordered gardens, the turquoise waters and the perpetually smiling waiters — all just 140 kilometres east of his home in Havana. So near, and yet for many years, so far away.

Until last year, Cuba's communist government prevented its citizens from entering hotels reserved for hard currency-paying foreign tourists. It argued that tourism was a strategic revenue sector and that widening access would create inequalities in a socialist society, where most earn inconvertible Cuban pesos.

The tourist hotels, whose services, shops and restaurants are a world away from the hardships and shortages experienced by most Cubans, remained largely out of bounds for ordinary citizens. This prohibition angered most



A view of a resort on Cuba's Cayo Santa Maria.

Cubans, who considered it made them second-class citizens in their own homeland.

But when President Raul Castro took over from his ailing older brother Fidel Castro last year, one of his

first acts was to end the ban and open all facilities to Cubans. The change was widely popular even though most islanders still can not afford to stay at the tourist hotels.

"Let me tell you, this is

great," said Alexis, an employee of a state-run Havana hard currency store who declined to give his full name, as his girlfriend returned from the bar with more mojitos.

In the years immediately

**"Before a foreigner would ask us about Varadero and we did not know what to say. Now, if you have the money, you can do it."** Roberto Garcia

following the 1959 revolution, Cuban workers were allowed into the island's premier resorts, yet the need to earn much-needed hard currency led to the development again of a more exclusive foreign tourism sector, especially over the last 15 years.

But the global financial crisis has taken a big bite out of Cuba's international tourism, so the Cuban travel industry, seeking to boost occupation in half-empty hotels, has begun offering reduced-price package deals to Cubans.

At \$70 a night for an all-inclusive hotel in Varadero, Cuba's top beach resort, prices are well below what foreigners pay, but still out of reach for most Cubans struggling to make ends meet on state salaries that average less than \$20 a month.

According to Tourism

Minister Manuel Marrero, Cubans have accounted for 10 per cent of occupancy at Cuba's high-end hotels this summer.

The opening of a domestic market is giving more visibility to an emerging class of wealthier Cubans who have hard currency in their pockets and are eager to sport the coloured wristbands of the fancy all-inclusive hotels.

The new Cuban internal tourists are professionals, technicians working for foreign joint ventures and people receiving dollar remittances from relatives living abroad.

"Before a foreigner would ask us about Varadero and we did not know what to say," recalls Roberto Garcia, a 43-year-old engineer who arrived from Havana with his family of six. "Now, if you have the money, you can do it."

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# The hills are alive around Innsbruck

Well-priced food and cosy accommodation await hikers in Austrian Alps

CELIA PEDROSO  
Metro World News



**The Austrian alpine city of Innsbruck may not be the obvious choice for a budget holiday, but it's a very good starting point for a low-cost hiking trip.**

The area offers breathtaking walks in some of the most beautiful mountains in Europe and reasonably-priced stays in the pretty villages surrounding the Tyrolean capital.

More serious hikers might opt to stay at the welcoming huts that can be found throughout the Alps, where you can sleep soundly and eat very well, generally at low prices.

The unstable weather in the Alps — there are frequent heavy showers even during summer — is not an obstacle for a nice day out in Innsbruck. The pedestrian-only historical centre, the Altstadt, has entire streets packed with shops as well as coffee shops, restaurants and bars with tables in the open air.

This former imperial city thrives on its strategic loca-



Left, a view of the Alps near Innsbruck from a mountain pasture. Right, a hiker strolls through the pasture.



tion, as well as its excellent winter sports infrastructure and summertime nature activities. Surrounded by mountains, it hosted the Winter Olympic Games in 1964 and 1976.

Cable cars take you from the city to several peaks with altitudes above 2,000 and 3,000 metres, so you can start your walk in the heart of the mountains. During the week Austrians of all ages stroll rhythmically along the mountain paths, and on the weekend they're joined by local families. Inns located at key points make it easy to refu-

el and it's common to see groups of Tyrolean people in cheerful reunions around a table covered with beer glasses after a walk up the mountain.

Start your hike in the heart of the Tyrol on the 2,250-metre-high mountain of Patscherkofel, just south of Innsbruck. After a cable car ride up from the Alpine village of Igls, the walk starts at the Zirbenweg path.

Along the route you'll see rare flowers including the Alpenrose (similar to the azalea) and the Enzian, a symbol of the Alps. The

paths are well delineated with the international mark, just like the Austrian flag: Two red stripes and a white one.

Once up there, with clear weather, there's a view over a valley several kilometres wide, with Innsbruck down below as well as verdant slopes, rocky mountains and peaks where the snow never melts.

The award-winning Zirbenweg path is considered to be one of the best-kept and has some of the best panoramic views of the Tyrol.

Wooden signs through-

out the tracks appeal for good behaviour, reminding people to not throw garbage or shout; and to respect animals and the environment.

Every so often you'll also find small religious altars with ex-voto or crucifixes. There are also small waterfalls, ideal for walkers who need to refresh.

If there's no snow it is possible to reach the top of the Glungezer, at 2,677 metres, and have a meal there. Other options are the Tulfenalm hut or the hospitable Rinneralm, although it is more remote.

## Good to know

**Good equipment:** It's essential to be well prepared for your mountain walk. Always wear proper hiking boots and good socks to your support your ankles and protect your feet from blisters. And do not forget to take a bottle of water with you, a bar with cereals and a chocolate in your bag, as well as a torch and a raincoat.

**Currency:** Austria is in the Euro zone. There are many ATM in Innsbruck, but few in the surrounding villages it is better to take money with you.

**Where to stay:** Accommodation in villages here can cost between 20 and 50 euros.

There are 25 holiday villages around Innsbruck, one of the prettiest is Mutters. Staying in mountain huts is even cheaper, with good meals for 5 euros, and a bed for 30-45 euros.

**Language:** German is the official language, but in Innsbruck and in the villages most speak or understand English and Italian.

**Online:** For more information on the area see innsbruck.info.

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**Pitt to voice superhero**

Brad Pitt will be providing the voice for an animated feature in which he'll play a "superhero who wants out." Pitt says that movie will costar the voices of Tina Fey and Robert Downey Jr., and trade reports identify the project as Oobermind. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Entertainment

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**Dion pregnant**

Celine Dion is pregnant with her second child, according to the *Journal de Montreal*. Dion, 41, and husband, Rene Angelil, 67, have been working with fertility doctors in New York. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Timekeeper takes rugged road

**ANNE BRODIE**  
for Metro Canada

**Hot off the first season of the international TV hit The Listener, Craig Olejnik braves new territories in The Timekeeper, a kind of wilderness-noir about men in isolation in the Northwest Territories.**

"The Timekeeper was certainly one of the most challenging things I've ever done," says the 30-year-old Halifax native. "We were stuck with each other and felt like we were living the film out."

Olejnik plays a naïve young man hired to schedule a railroad crew in an all male world that seeps violence, with a brutal boss, a psychotic chef, a gun happy lunatic, and all kinds of

craziness in between.

"Put men together and things fall apart. For me it was about these men who don't belong or go at the same flow as society. They go off into the wilderness to create their own societies outside the law, to Alaska and the Northwest Territories."

"They become eccentric and remove their masks and become whoever they are. They think they're going to be free, but almost immediately a hierarchy begins to form, no matter where they are," he says. "My character comes in and he's never been around too many men, but because he doesn't know what this society is, he quickly becomes a man as well."

Olejnik says his life re-

flected the story in unexpected ways during filming.

"I felt outside society. I didn't speak to anyone, not my family, agent, or friends for two months, my phone was off. There was no reception anyway. Let everything grow, my toenails, fingernails, I got dirty and I dealt with the bug bites. It wasn't too hard to get into it."

The crew shot in Quebec's Fort Cartier, a vast, dense mountainous region similar to the Northwest Territories.

"It's unbelievable up there, I am going back," says Olejnik. "It's on the north western shore of the St. Lawrence River. You can drive 50 minutes in any direction up a dirt road into a reserve in the

middle of nowhere. There were bears and wolves and moose and bugs crawling in my socks and underwear."

"We worked two months in the hottest heat in wool, with mosquitoes and rivers and it was one of the best experiences. The people are beautiful and the scenery. There was danger everywhere. It was always around the corner."

Olejnik says he was instantly drawn to The Timekeeper, written and directed by Louis Bélanger, whose previous works like the award winning *Gaz Bar Blues* have quietly but powerfully observed the



The Timekeeper was written and directed by Louis Bélanger.

**The Timekeeper opens in theatres on Friday**

human experience. "I loved that it was subtle and poetic and not in your face. Everyone is sensitive to subtleties. The script drew me in, that poetic language. What I got out of it was that in its own way, it was an altered speech, not how people

speak. All different levels of the hierarchy spoke differently. It was poetic, Shakespearean."

For now, Olejnik's taking it easy in Vancouver on his first vacation in two years. He's waiting to hear if The Listener is being renewed and no doubt still recuperating from The Timekeeper.

### Avatar site crashes as fans seek tickets

**MOVIES** The official Avatar website crashed for several hours on Monday as moviegoers rushed to secure free seats to see the 16 minutes of 3-D preview footage that will be shown at 104 Imax theatres on Friday.

Ticket ordering was scheduled to begin online at noon PDT, but at about 11:55 a.m. the site started experiencing difficulties. About 17,000 of the 68,000 available tickets were distributed before the heavy traffic forced the site down for several hours.

"Due to the overwhelming response for tickets to the Avatar event on 8/21, our servers have crashed. We will update you as soon as possible," ticket seekers were advised by Avatar's Twitter site.

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### Kenya's Style



### Kenya Hunt

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#### Capturing Cooperman: A Not So Private Investigation of Howard Engel

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#### The Tudors

When an irresistible force meets an immovable object — off with old immovable's head! Sir Thomas More and Bishop Fisher (Jeremy Northam, Bosco Hogan) continued opposition to Henry's (Jonathan Rhys Meyers) seizure of religious authority get them imprisoned in the Tower of London, where they face execution if they don't swear allegiance to him. Things aren't looking good for Anne (Natalie Dormer) either; Henry's eye is wandering again. 9 PM on CBRT



Jessica Simpson isn't trying to fill Paula Abdul's vacant judge's seat on American Idol. The New York Post reported Monday that the singer's father Joe is pushing producers to cast Simpson. But Simpson's rep said, "There is absolutely no truth to this." **USMAGAZINE.COM**

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## Grey's star nude tape leaked online

**ON THE DEFENCE** A video showing Grey's Anatomy star Eric Dane, his wife Rebecca Gayheart and another woman in apparently compromising positions is ancient history and had better not be used for commercial purposes, warns an attorney for the married couple, people.com reports.

In a statement released Monday, the actor's lawyer, Marty Singer, said the tape "is simply a pri-

vate, consensual moment involving a married couple, shot several years ago, which was never intended to be seen by the public."

The statement continued: "Although the participants are nude, the tape is not a 'sex tape.' It is a private tape made for only my clients' personal use, and

nobody has the right to exploit it. If anyone exploits the tape, they will be violating my clients' rights and will be exposed to significant liability."

The third woman in the video reportedly is Kari Ann Peniche, who in 2002 was crowned Miss Teen USA but was later stripped of the title after posing for Playboy.

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## Jesus, love of Madonna's life

**GOOD MATCH** Madonna says Jesus Luz is "the love of her life," femalefirst.co.uk reports. The singer praised the 22-year-old Brazilian model in a speech at her 51st birthday party in Portofino, Italy, on Sunday before running across the room to

passionately kiss him.

As friends looked on, Madonna gushed: "He's the love of my life. He has been so strong around me. I can't thank him enough."

The next morning, the couple looked blissfully happy as they boarded a luxury

yacht with Madonna's children — Lourdes, 12, Rocco, eight, Mercy, four, and David, three.

As the children relaxed on the deck, the pop superstar and her lover frolicked in the ocean.

An onlooker said: "She and Jesus looked madly in love and it was great to see her looking so happy. They just looked like any normal family enjoying a holiday together."

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## Tori declares end to family feud?

**BURY THE HATCHET** The feud between 90210 star Tori Spelling and her mother has been waged for months in the press, but Tori is ready to bury the hatchet once and for all.

The daughter of Aaron and Candy Spelling recently told OK! Magazine: "I definitely want to reconcile with my mother, but that's the wrong word. There's nothing that really happened that made us fight. It's just time, distance and media that have come between my mom and me."

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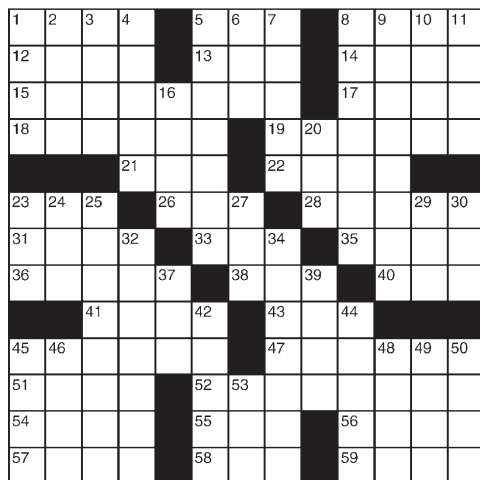




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WEEKDAYS AT 6 A.M.



**ACROSS**

- 1 Spacecraft compartments
- 5 Scatter seed
- 8 Couple, to TMZ
- 12 Neighbourhood
- 13 — Beta Kappa
- 14 Small plateau
- 15 Dosage measurer
- 17 Low
- 18 Chief island of Japan
- 19 Attic space
- 21 "Of course"
- 22 Tater
- 23 Chapeau
- 26 Bankroll
- 28 Arousing goose bumps
- 31 Notion
- 33 Rawls or Reed
- 35 Do a pre-laundry task
- 36 Song of praise
- 38 Conclusion
- 40 Cause of royal insomnia?
- 41 Dressed
- 43 Glutton
- 45 Stick

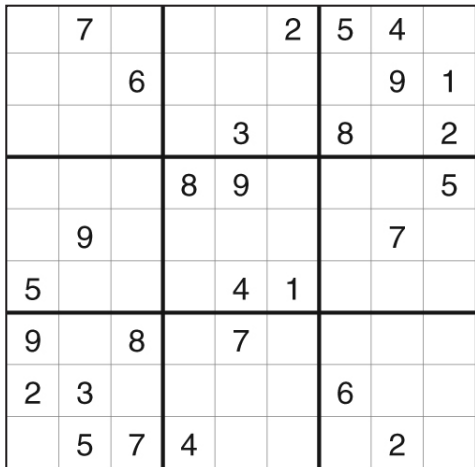
**DOWN**

- 23 With it
- 24 Classifieds
- 25 Education
- 27 Buck's mate
- 29 Anger
- 30 Greek vowel
- 32 Claims
- 34 Not loud enough
- 37 Ruin the veneer
- 39 Coed quarters, maybe
- 42 Dissuade
- 44 Street urchin
- 45 Competent
- 46 Haul
- 48 Logical
- 49 Sicilian
- 50 Whatever remains
- 53 Prior to

**Sudoku**

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



**PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:**

S	I	G	N	F	D	A	U	S	S	R	2	8	9	1	5	6	3	4	7
T	R	U	E	J	O	N	N	O	L	O	3	5	7	2	4	8	9	6	1
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A	B	E	L	J	O	Y	O	V	E	N	5	9	3	8	1	7	4	2	6
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L	I	M	O	W	E	D	G	W	O	O	7	3	8	9	6	2	5	1	4
O	R	E	O	E	R	A	I	D	L	E	9	1	6	5	3	4	8	7	2
B	E	N	D	B	A	R	G	A	D	S									

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**Metro Recipe of the Day**



**Tarragon Flounder**

**INGREDIENTS:**  
2 flounder fillets (4 oz/113 g each)  
1/2 cup (125 ml) chicken broth  
2 tbsp (25 ml) butter, melted

1 tbsp (15 ml) minced fresh tarragon or 1 tsp (5 ml) dried tarragon  
1 tsp (5 ml) ground mustard  
**METHOD:**  
1. Place fillets in a greased 11-in. x 7-in. x 2-in. (28 cm x 18 cm x 5 cm) baking dish. Combine remaining

ingredients; pour over fish.  
2. Bake, uncovered, at 350 F (180 C) for 20-25 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Remove to a serving plate with a slotted spatula. Serve immediately.

**SERVES 2**

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**ARIES**  
**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**  
You're no stranger to hard work and as from today you will begin to enjoy the rewards of your labours.

**TAURUS**  
**APRIL 21-MAY 21**  
You will experience one of those "Eureka" moments today. Out of nowhere you will see the pattern that you have somehow missed.

**LIBRA**  
**SEPT 23-OCT 23**  
You may have been in the dark of late but as from today you will understand what has been going on and why you were kept out of the loop.

**SCORPIO**  
**OCT 24-NOV 22**  
You may have found it hard to explain why you believe certain apparently illogical things, but today you'll find your tongue.

**GEMINI**  
**MAY 22-JUNE 21**  
You may have found it difficult to confide in people in recent weeks but now the cosmic picture is beginning to change and you can get through.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
**NOV 23-DEC 21**  
For various reasons, both personal and professional, you have held back from letting certain people know what you think of them.

**CANCER**  
**JUNE 22-JULY 22**  
Even if you are one of those Cancerians who knows how to charm, you may have found it hard to communicate your feelings in recent weeks.

**CAPRICORN**  
**DEC 22-JAN 20**  
You rarely leave anything to chance and with mind planet Mercury aspecting your ruler Saturn, you will know with absolute certainty.

**LEO**  
**JULY 23-AUG 23**  
You owe someone a favor and if you go out of your way to make good on it today, they may even end up owing you.

**AQUARIUS**  
**JAN 21-FEB 18**  
If you are having second thoughts about a deal you signed up to there is still time to back out of, but it's got to be now.

**VIRGO**  
**AUG 24-SEPT 22**  
A Mercury-Saturn union in your sign means you can see things as they are rather than as you wish them to be.

**PISCES**  
**FEB 19-MARCH 20**  
Don't worry if you have found it hard to get through to loved ones in recent weeks because today's Mercury-Saturn union in your opposite sign will help.

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